THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Facility of grant of visa on arrival is already available to foreign tourists arriving in group of four or more by air or sea with pre-drawn itinerary for a specified period. The group should be sponsored by a recognised India travel agency who should make an advance written request to the Immigration Officer, giving full personal and passport details of the group members, itinerary and undertaking to conduct the group as per itinerary. This facility is not available to the individual foreign tourists.

Technicians in ITBP

803. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of laboratory technicians working in Indo-Tibetian Borde- Police (ITBP) indicating their names/dates of appointment;

(b) whether it is a fact that after serving more than fifteen years in service they are to be upgraded according to the IVth Pay Commission's report; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons that ITBP is not following it?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) There are 24 Laboratory Technicians working in ITBP. The details are given in the Statement (*See* below)

(b) No specific recommendations regarding upgradations of post of Laboratory Technicians was made by the IVth Pay Commission However, the post of Laboratory Technicians being isolated posts, orders of Govt. of India for in-situ promotion are applicable to these posts.

(c) Details are being collected.

Statement

The number of laboratory technicians working in ITBP alongwith their names/dates of appointment

Sl. No.	No. Rank. Name	Date of appointment to present rank
1.	630030069, SI/LT Bhuru Mal	19.05.79
2.	668010128, SI/LT Sonam Dev Negi	07.02.79
3.	670020695, SI/LT Rattan Singh	09.06.80
4.	670080953, SI/LT Keshav Chand	30.03.79
5.	670020486, SI/LT Narayan Singh	27.08.81
6.	670071436, SI/LT Kalyan Singh	04.08.87
7.	680080722, SI/LT Naryan Dutt	29.05.80
8.	680021003, SI/LT Matbav Singh	31.03.79
9.	680030065, SI/LT Narottam Dutt	29.05.80
10.	690020463, SI/LT Kushal Singh	13.09.80
11.	690051359, SI/LT Uttam Chand	30.04.79
12.	690050059, SI/LT Laxman Singh	22.11.90
13.	690040535, SI/LT Dola Ram	31.03.79
14.	690030026, SI/LT Balbir Singh	30.03.79
15.	698030215, SI/LT Lobha Ram	24.04.79
16.	708010055, SI\LT Ajay Singh	26.10.70
17.	70080662, SI/LT Roop Chand	11.11.70

Sl. No.	No. Rank, Name	Date of appointment to present rank
18.	720050492, SI\LT Amar Singh	12.04.79
19.	720030624, SI\LT K.P. Kutty	31.03.85
20.	750030309, SI/LT Radhey Shyam	26.07.95
21.	900203811, SI/LT Dina Nath	29.11.90
22.	910210016, SI/LT Sanjay Gladuju	08.01.91
23.	930240017, SI/LT Vijay K. Sharma	06.02.93
24.	947010294, SI/LT Thanka Swami	07.06.94

Promotions in Central Police Organisation

804. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) criteria for granting promotion in Central Police Organisation;

(b) whether it is a fact that in CRPF, ITBP and SSB promotions are given on the basis of ACR, and if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that in BSF promotion is not given on the basis of ACR and if so, the reasons therefor, and if not, the criteria followed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI):

(a) The criteria for promotion in Central Police organisations is seniority and merit subject to fulfilment of prescribed eligibility conditions.

(b) The criteria for promotion in CRPF, ITBP & SSB also takes into account the service record including ACRs.

(c) Promotion in BSF are also given based on the ACR and Service Record but for the Constables. The promotion of constable to Head Constable is on the basis of entries made in the Service Books as ACRs are not maintained for this rank.

Restructuring of Police System

805. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 815 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th November, 1997 and state;

(a) whether the State Chief Ministers have responded to his letter regarding reform and restructuring of the Police system in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) None of the State Governments has responded to the former Home Minister's letter of April, 1997. However, pursuant to the directions issued by the Supreme Court on 6.5.98 a High Powered Committee headed by Shri J.F. Riberio has been constituted on 22.5.98 to review recommendations of the National Police Commission and to Suggest ways and means for implementation of the pending recommendations.

Pepsi Advertisments on Police Station Boards

806. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even Police Station Boards in Delhi are carrying Pepsi advertisements;

(b) whether this decision was taken by the local police or higher-ups;

(c) whether Government approves of such advertisements; and

(d) if not, what Government propose to do on the matter?